

**~NAHASH 2 (45)**  
**(Na'hash) [Serpent]**

- The father of David's sister or half sister Abigail and possibly the father of Zeruiah. He was the grandfather of Abishai, Joab, Asahel, and Amasa.
- And Amasa was the one whom Absalom put in the place of Joab over the army, and Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Ithra the Israelite, who had relations with Abigail the daughter of **Nahash**, the sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother. (**2 Samuel 17:25**)
- And their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail, and the sons of Zeruiah were Abishai and Joab and Asahel, three. (**1 Chronicles 2:16**)
- As for Abigail, she gave birth to Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite. (**1 Chronicles 2:17**)
- Abigail is called, **the daughter of Nahash**, but she and her sister are not directly called the daughters of Jesse, David's father, though they are referred to as the **sisters** of Jesse's sons, including David.
- This leaves several possible relationships. (1) That **Nahash** was a woman, Jesse's wife and the mother of all involved, the name could be given to either sex, but this is not very likely because women were usually introduced into a genealogy only for special reasons, which here seem to be missing. (2) That **Nahash** was another name for Jesse, as is suggested by early Jewish tradition. The **Greek Septuagint [Lagardian edition]** has **Jesse** instead of **Nahash** in;
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- (3) That **Nahash** was a former husband of Jesse's wife, a more likely suggestion, and that she bore **Nahash** two daughters, Abigail and Zeruiah, before marrying Jesse and bearing him several boys.

**See Also ABIGAIL 2**